San Diego-Imperial Area Committee 4545 Viewridge Ave Ste 100 San Diego CA 92123 Minutes of the August 15, 2019 Meeting

Area Committee Meeting

The Area Committee meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 7 PM to 10 PM. All AA members are welcome to attend. To get an item on the agenda, please contact chair@area8aa.org to begin the process. If required, your specific request or proposal will be directed to the assistance of one or more of our Area's standing committees. The Area Committee meeting and all other General Service meetings are open to all AA members.

Meeting Called to Order

The Committee was called to order at 7:03 pm by Monty, Area Chairperson, with the Serenity Prayer. Followed by the Declaration of Unity. Introductions were offered for any new DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs, and their Alternates. Guests and visitors also stood up. All were welcomed to Area Committee.

Declaration of Unity This we owe to AA's Future; To place our common welfare first; To keep our Fellowship united. For on AA unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come

Roll Call: Julie (Registrar)

Roll Call was done on sign in sheets at the Registrar's table at the back of the room-no verbal roll call was done. Area Registrar conducted a roll call of the Area Committee, 8 Officers were in attendance, 17 DCMs and 11 Committee Chairs were present, a total of 36. Quorum is met! As rotations begin, remember to send in records of the leadership changes to the Area Registrar. Please submit emails to registrar as well.

Rosters are updated regularly and any corrections need to be submitted to the Registrar as they occur.

Reflection

Concept 8: "The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities."

presentation: Ronnie: Concept VIII has served our fellowship well since it was adopted by the 12th annual General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous on April 26, 1962.

The abbreviated version of this states more simply that "The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities". Concept 8 deals with the manner in which the Trustees of the General Service Board discharge their obligations and delegate their executive function to its two subsidiary corporations: A.A. World Services, Inc., and the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. We've placed our reserve funds with the Trustees, and divided our total working capital between A.A. World Services and The Grapevine as they are guarantors of good management of the two entities.

The Trustees of the General Service Board meet this daunting responsibility by electing the Directors of these service arms, a part of whom must always be trustees.

The executive direction of these functions is embedded in the service corporations themselves, rather than the General Service Board.

Long experience has proven that the board "must devote itself almost exclusively to the larger questions of policy, finance, group relations and leadership In these matters, it must act with great care and skill to plan, manage and execute."

Approval of June 2019 Area Committee Minutes: Tanya T., (Secretary)

- Minutes are emailed out in both English and Spanish to all DCMs, Chairs, and Officers and their alternates. DCMs and Chairs please send the minutes to your committees and GSRs. If you are not receiving the minutes and would like a copy emailed to you, please email the area secretary at secretary.area8sd@gmail.com Please keep your information updated with the Area Registrar.
- It is time effective to submit your monthly report to the Area 8 Secretary via email at secretary.area8sd@gmail.com /altsecretaryarea8@gmail.com
- Minutes from June's ACM were approved as written.
- Minutes from July's ACM were not ready so we pushed back approval till September ACM.

<u>Treasurer's Report: Efrain (Treasurer)</u>

- Written report submitted.
- Remind groups who contribute to the Area to include an email address so we can process contribution acknowledgements electronically, and at a lower cost.
- Have your group get or find out what their GSO six digit code it. It will help the incoming Treasurer.
- Please make sure to submit any reimbursements before the end of the year.

July 2019	July 2019	YTD	2019 Budget	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	5,403.01	29,550.97	59,074.00	-30,333.03
Individual contributions:	295.90	1,464.72		1,464.72
District contributions:	-36.58	127.27		127.27
Total contributions:	5,662.33	31,162.96		-28,721.04
Total budgeted expenses:	2,624.33	32,055.38	59,074.00	-27,828.62

Contributions less budgeted expenses:	3,038.00	-892.42		
Total unbudgeted expenses:		318.15		
Total expenses:	2,624.33	33,373.53	59,074.00	
Contributions less total expenses:	3,038.00	-1,210.57		
Total Cash Balance: July 2019	11,408.17		25% of budget 14,768.50	
Prudent Reserve Balance	5,000.00			

<u>Delegate's Report: Roxanne.:</u> I am writing from a suburb outside of Denver, Colorado, where I have been since last Friday. My daughter went into labor ten days early, prompting me to make several logistical changes to be present at the birth. I am happy to report that both mother and baby are healthy and happy. Joseph Scott Lockridge, whom we call "Joey" is a robust 8 pounds, born on August 10th, making me a "Nana" for the first time. Though I have had many wonders happen in my 35 years of sobriety, this beautiful addition has added a whole new dimension. As many of you have exclaimed, "I could have missed it."

I rearranged 3 report backs before leaving and the news on that front is that I am ready to schedule others and this time I will have the printed Conference Report in English and Spanish as well as one copy in French. I am also going to allow the IT Committee to post the digital version of the Report on our Area 8 Website (area8aa.org). Remember that the digital version does have full names so please be aware of this before distributing. Some areas do not post the Conference Report but many areas do post it.

The most interesting thing to report from the report backs I have participated in this summer is that there is increasing interest in the AAWS meeting app called, "The Meeting Guide." In a recent report from our Regional Trustee, Kathi, who will be facilitating our Election Assembly in September, is that the title of "The Meeting Guide" is sometimes referred to as the "AA App" so the Pacific Region Delegates asked for clarification on that. Also of continuing interest is information surrounding Google Grants and how this affects AA as a whole. I have talked about and read about this agenda item over the last year and this is how I see things. The conference approved this by at least 2/3 majority – with minority opinion. There was a lot of discussion about this item. The substantial majority seemed to feel the need for AA to be found online was essential to our primary purpose of carrying the message and in today's world this was the best way to do that. I am happy to give you more info on this if you email me your request.

AA Grapevine is celebrating 75 years of carrying the message and groups are participating in this celebration by subscribing and giving away subscriptions. The Anniversary Kit is available at aa.org but the best thing we can do to create awareness about the Grapevine is have a Grapevine Representative at

every group. Area 8 is doing their part and you can too by subscribing...and by contributing an article. Everyone of you has a story and our stories have always helped others find their way here.

Please emphasize the upcoming Election Assembly on September 28 and remember to support and encourage eligible members to stand for this election. The sign of a sound Area is the number of people who stand for election. Many eligible members wonder if they can take on a commitment at the Area General Service Committee. If you are wondering, perhaps talking to a member presently on the committee will help you decide.

I hope all of you were able to access aa.org and make your 8-0-6 challenge contribution towards being self-supporting. I realize there were a few glitches some people experienced since there were a myriad of changes made to the website right at that moment, but I hope you did not give up too soon. It is no secret that AAWS does not always make things easy for the average AA member.

I don't want you to think that I am absent from my duties as your Delegate because I have a darling new grandson absorbing all my attention. The truth is I miss you all very much and as soon as I am back in town, I will make every effort to connect with you. I do have September dates available.

I am submitting this tonight for the ACM but also to translation so it can be distributed to the linguistic communities. I am sending the Trustees Report to translation as well and then to the website to be posted. Please direct any questions or concerns you have to me via my email or just call me and we can chat. Thank you for your support and for the very work you do to make AA accessible and available.

Chairperson's Report; (Monty C.): Election Assembly is on September 28th, please everyone attend//there will also be a movement of Treasurer position to come after Chair in line up at election//3rd legacy will be utilized as usual//Area 93 provided written election pamphlets in both Spanish and English amended to fit Area 8's S & G//The following Assy will be held in November-Budget Assy, Nov. 2, 2019//Please attend even if you are not planning on standing for an Officer position//Also, remember even if you are rotating out of a position, consider joining a Committee or other positions of service that are in need//Please inform the Area if your District is not meeting or has a change of meeting, because a new GSR might show up-Monty visited District 7, at the regular time and no one was there.

<u>Alt. Delegate Report</u> Jerry S: NP//just returned from his honeymoon and is currently ill. But he wanted to thank everyone for their support.

<u>Liaison Committee Reports: 2 mins; Sutton;</u>

Coordinating Council: Wayne will send to alt sec

North County Intergroup: Tim: NP

East County Intergroup: Jack: Not present **Oficina Central Hispaña:** Not present

Oficina Intergrupal Condado Norte: Jose: Good evening & greetings from the North Central Office of San Diego County. All of our 19 groups are functioning, by the grace of the Higher Power. This office has its work meetings every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. It also has a working treasurer and a prudent reserve for our expenses. On October 20 we will hold our elections at 10:00 a.m. at the office premises. Congress

Committee is working with meetings scheduled to raise funds for this event that will take place on November 14, 15 and 16 of this year. Our Event Committee continues to work together to raise funds for the office. C. of Literature continues with sales of literature and they are working in their next literature workshop for the next October 13 at 9:00 a.m. Place: 29964 Valley Center rd. Valley Center C. TO . 92082. This office receives an average of 80 calls per month all channeled to groups and service centers. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this service and wishing you many 24 hours of sobriety. **GSDYPAA:** Quiana: Burning Bear Campout is September 21-22 in Anza. All are welcome. We may need to borrow sound sound equipment front the Area like last year. Will be in touch with Monty. We are co

NSDYPAA: Jeremy; Co hosting ACYPAA Summit (Nov 1-3, 2019). There will be an AA Meetings Panel Workshops with a dance to follow. Location: 7450 Hazard Center Drive, San Diego, CA 92108. We are asking for as much area support as we can get. We will also need support on getting translation services. Our Dodgeball Tournament last month was a success.

Native American Liaison: Duncan: not present

hosting Summit with NSDYPAA in November.

Business:

- Guest, Tiffany: working with Camp Penalton. San Diego Public Information will not provide information/ Literature to the base because it is not in our area. I am asking for the Area to support. This Literature is greatly needed and at this time I am providing Literature out of my own pocket. I am specifically looking to get more AA and the Armed Forces Pamphlets.
- District 2, CPC and our military liaison all will be stepping up to help out in providing whatever the base will need.
- 2. <u>Area Inventory</u> Where can it be found → Area 8 Website and it was emailed out a few months ago. What were some of the items addressed on the Area 8 inventory: CPC-people were upset with treatment people taking meetings over/Adrian has created a CPC Committee within his district to address this//So this has been addressed to some extent.

What other items were brought out by the Inventory?-Communication-need for improvement/ we haven't yet accomplished improvement on this//there were actions advised by the ad hoc committee//there was talk about bringing about a Workshop and bringing someone in from the outside from the professional community//How to run an effective meeting such as the ACM//How has D2 improved its communication with it's districts and GSRs//answer-sharing sessions with the GSRs every month at the district meetings//How are the standing committees improving communication within their committees? The Young People's Committee has implemented great communication skills//round table discussions also show attempts at better communications//Round tables can get stale and suggested topics are helpful for GSRs//H&I created a position of a registrar to compile lists of everyone doing H&I and then being able to disseminate information out to everyone involved//The buddy system where DCMs are going out to other districts to observe how they are doing business//same with Standing Committee Chairs-should visit other committees to learn something they don't already know or perhaps add their own experience in advisement//Question-are you DCMs or Committee chairs afraid of visiting their counterparts?//What gets in your way if you haven't done that?//

Carlsbad Workshop mis-communication about the Sign Language Fund and the Accessibilities
Committee-the proper channels were not followed to get and pay for the Interpreters//so the District holding the Workshop pays for Interpretation or should in advance request assistance from the Accessibilities
Committee//to clarify on Sign Language Fund-Area pays for Area events and the committee ASL
Interpretation//the monies coming out of Gold Can is for meeting interpretation//hosting districts of events

should be paying for their own events ASL Interpretation// anytime there is a request for ASL interpretation, you must always go through the Chair or Alt Chair.// after this situation, policy is revamping and looking at how we can prevent issues such as this.// Fliers that go out they need to specify if Interpretation will be provided,

Link to the entire Inventory: Area 8 Inventory

<u>Master Calendar</u>: The master Calendar was emailed out by the Chair. It's posted on the area website. Information is subject to change. See calendar on the area website (<u>www.area8aa.org</u>) for the most up to date information. *Please email all updates to Monty to get Master Calendar up to date.*

Birthdays: Celebrated people who have celebrated a birthday since the last meeting. There is a collection can for the cake each month. The 7th tradition does not pay for our birthday cake.

Break started 8:35 pm ended 8:58 pm

Tradition 8: "Twelfth step works should always be nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers." **Presentation:** presenter, not able to make it

Volunteers for next month's concepts and traditions:

Concept 9:.Sandy Tradition 9: Richard

<u>DISTRICT REPORTS</u> (<u>Districts submitted reports digitally or on report form</u>) 2 min. - Odd # districts report this month. Other districts and committees that feel need to give oral reports.

District 1: Brian: NA

District 2: Bill- The district will be conducting a special meeting devoted to GSR duties, responsibilities and Area service involvement. We will also detail at this meeting District Officer duties in preparation for our upcoming election that is scheduled for October. This will allow for two months of hands on training prior to the start of their terms beginning in 2020.

The collaborative effort between hosting Districts 1, 3 and NSDYPAA, an address by our Delegate, technical support by the Area IT Chair, and a financial contribution by District 16 brought a Three Legacy workshop and BBQ to No. County on Aug. 3rd. 80 people attended and approx. 50 more came out for the BBQ. It was considered a "home run" by many. The format consisted of 20 minute segments for each Legacy with a 4th added that tied the legacies together in terms of achieving a well-balanced program (or an equilateral triangle.) For the topic on Unity (for which this committee helped by filling out the survey of your understanding of Unity) we pulled off a fantastic and well participated game of Family Feud. The game which was in powerpoint format included the theme song, buzzers, boos and cheers; purchased for just \$10. Other games like jeopardy are available too. It proved to be a terrific messaging tool filled with fun, laughter and excitement.

Next up is our partnership with District 23 in hosting our annual Labor Day (family friendly) event that includes entertainment (a live band, sports, art and games for kids) a BBQ and other attractions. Then we get down to the business of recovery, with presentations by our Area service committees followed by a guest speaker; our newlywed and Alt. Delegate Jerry S. We hope you will attend and offer your support. And if not this one, go to District 16's in Encinitas and I think there's another one the Saturday before in Chula Vista.

District 3: Tim (alternate)

District 4: Chuck Alt: nothing to report.

District 5: Karl; The Sponsorship Workshop was a success with over 100 in attendance. I received many emails and those who enjoyed it and are already looking forward to next year's.

District 6: Natalie: NP

District 7: Tina;

District 8:Angeline: Richard-Emotional Sobriety Workshop 80 persons attended//Nov 16, Navigating anonymity in the Disgital Age//Thanks to Roxane for attending our last meeting

District 9: Delores;

District 10: Karen: District 10: August 15, 2019: I learned (from the A.A. technology forum website) that AA General Service Office NY installed a new application software to manage the A.A. Group information database.

This change included assigning every group a new Group Service Number. I would like some guidance on how to share this information with my meeting groups in District 10. Our Area 08 Registrar is still waiting to receive the new file so she does not have access to the new numbers.

I have retrieved the new Group Service Numbers for meeting groups in El Cajon. Should I begin notifying groups in District 10 to use the new numbers. Or wait

until they receive this information from our Area Registrar, or from the general service office in New York? Karen P. District 10. (any questions, contact me at DCM_10@area8aa.org).

District 11: Cheryl; District 11 held their July meeting on 29 July 2019. There were 10 GSR's in attendance. We will be co-hosting the Treasurer's Workshop on the 24 th of this month along with the finance committee. There are a number of handouts that should prove useful to the area treasurers: GSO's Self Support packets, IRS Publication 557 (excerpts in Spanish), How to prepare a Pie chart presentation for notetaking and sample forms for simple accounting. We are expecting ample time for roundtable discussions. Deli lunch will be provided.

District 12: Joe; District 12 had its monthly meeting on Thursday August 1, 2019. The meeting had 10 GSR's in attendance. We discussed upcoming workshops and our very special guest speaker was Roxanne R. our delegate. She discusses topics from the GSO conference.

District 13: Ronnie; Meeting was called to order at 7:19 PM with DCM, Ronnie R, GSR's Deb C., Greg T., & Finance Chair, Joshua H. There were no minutes for the previous meeting as the district has no secretary due to low GSR numbers.

Joshua was given the floor and was able to speak at length about the area finances as well as the budget for next year. He was able to answer many questions and stayed for the remainder of the meeting. New business; spoke at length for need to step up our efforts to get more GSR's as well as alternates. Deb C. and I will be co-managing the Women's Empowerment Luncheon in November and I will be producing another flyer. She will be the public face of the meeting, answering any and all questions. DCM will be coordinating behind the scenes and taking care of the logistics for the meeting, including getting the venue, translation equipment, etc.

District 14: Sandy; With exception to where the Budget assembly will be held, the Mental Health Issues in AA Workshop is all I can think about. Thank you to District 4 who has made it possible for 20 deaf alcoholics to understand and participate in our Workshop, the Ypaa committee for their help in planning and volunteering. Our District meetings and servants are amazing, selfless and talented. It gets real when I pick Rod B. up at the airport tomorrow. If you have had no exposure to him when he was our Pacific Regional Trustee, this is your chance to be learning from him. So passionate is he about this topic of workshop that he comes in person to participate and share his blessing with us. Newly added Sutton, our alt. chair will share her experience with us, Paul C. who doesn't want anyone to know that he has an article in the new mental health issues pamphlet (but if he meant that, then he shouldn't have put his name down as a contributor) is speaking on sponsoring and the mistakes we make and what is useful and effective in working with those who are dual diagnosed. There's so much more, so come and join us for the learning, the sharing, the best sack lunch you've ever had and a surprise at the end.

District 15: Valentin; Our district has contributed \$250 for the Election Assembly, to pay for the taco buffet (lunch). Treasurer, Efrain attended our district to discuss the proposed 2020 Budget. Roxane also visited us as well and shared about the General Service Conference. We are motivatine district 15 members to be a general service coordinator. Dist 15 groups contributed \$98.00.

District 16: David; District 16 is holding its annual Pot-Luck Labor Day picnic at Oakcrest Park, 1219 Encinitas Blvd., Encinitas 92024. 9AM to 3PM. Speakers at 11AM and 2PM. Games provided. While it is a potluck event, burgers, hot dogs, soda and water will be available. Joshua H presented to the District on the proposed Area 8 202 budget 7th tradition contributions to the District are currently on track for the amount contributed to District 16 in 2018. The District committed to provide 2 to 3 volunteers to help with the Aug. 10 Sponsorship workshop in Bay Park.

District 17: Santiago; NR **District 18:** Abraham: NR

District 19: Rose; D19 is co sponsoring the Area 8 Election Assembly on Sat, Sept 18th, along with Ds6, 11, and 15. District: The Sponsorship Workshop was well attended. We had approx 65-70 attendees. D19 served a continental breakfast. D5 spearheaded the event. We had 16 GSRs at our district meeting on 8/6. Our guest was Jane G, former delegate and appointed member of the Structure and Guidelines Committee. A conversation has begun about D19 doing a workshop on the variety of serve potions available at meetings and the job descriptions that group conscious writes for them. Our guest next month will be Robert chair of Accessibilities

District 20: David;

District 21: Rick;(Wigs) The Alt. Registrar is awaiting an update feed from the Area Registrar to update our Registry. Current roster was circulated for updates. The DCM discussed the overview of the last ACM. Emphasis was made that elections are approaching. A call for articles for the Newsletter was made and we decided to have the Newsletter Chair at our next meeting. D-21 GSRs are looking into Educational Workshops as vehicles to insure all Principles are understood and followed to the best of our ability. Our Guest Speaker was Joshua H, Chair of the Finance Committee. Joshua passed out the June 2019 Quarterly Finance Report, the 2019 Financial Report, and the draft 2020 budget. He explained how the budget is setup. He also reported the general timeline for each committee to present their budget needs and the process by which that request is reviewed and edited before going to the AreaAssembly for vote. We conducted a roundtable. We concluded with the reading of the 8 th Tradition and the 8 th Concept.

District 22: Lynda

District 23: Darryl; Meeting held on July 25 th 14 GSR's in attendance. Joshua from the Finance Committee came and gave a presentation. Still getting ready for the Labor Day picnic. We have CPC, North county H& I, Young people's and possibly one other representing. Jerry S. is our speaker. Our final Picnic Committee Meeting is on 8-28 -19.

Standing Committee Reports:

Accessibilities: Robert; NR (No Report)

Agenda: Dixie; plans on meeting with Policy, next month, to discuss putting on a Workshop with both

committees//spoke with Cecil regarding this but hasn't contacted the new Chair of Policy

Archives: Makenzie; NR

CPC: Jo Ann: Preparing for UNIDAS US AUG 2-3. No volunteers have stepped up.

Pharmacy school has been contacted. Still working on MSW at SDSU. The next event will be in December 3-5 at Rancho Bernardo Inn for addictive psychiatrists.

IT: Chuck; Provided IT support for the "How Balanced is Your Triangle Workshop" in Carlsbad on August 3 rd. We will be providing IT support for the "Mental Issues Workshop" on August 17 th. Due to the timing this month—the ACM is only one day after our ITC meeting—I won't have the results of the meeting available until next month.

Finance: Joshua; Finance committee is currently going to groups to present 2020 Proposed budget.

Grapevine/La Vina: Joel: **Literature:** Sasha J.: NP

NCAIC (H&I): Danni; We meet on the third Saturday of each month at the Oceanside Alano Club. We have orientation at 9am, with our business meeting following at 9:45am. We are looking for panel members, and you can start anytime by reaching out to me, or contacting us through our website nchandi.org. Thank you for your continued support!

Policy: Ernest (Chuck standing in for Ernest)

Newsletter: Janet; Met 7/28/19 @ 5:30pm. We had 4 in attendance. September 2019 Newsletter is done and has been sent out for translation, printing and uploaded to the Area Website. Distribution is planned for the Election Assembly on 09/28/19.

SD H&I: Blaine; Our nominating committee for our October election is in place. Any A.A. member with 3 years of sobriety and a year of some sort of H&I service work is eligible to stand for our six elected offices (Chair, Alternate Chair, Corrections Chair, Treatment Chair, Treasurer, Alternate Treasurer) Please let Blaine know or send a note to our website www.sdhandi.org if interested. Our effort to increase attendance by requiring in-person literature ordering and pickup resulted in double the usual number of Coordinators present last month! We plan to have our Corrections Chair attend the National Corrections Conference 11/1-3 in Houston as well as having our subcommittee, Contact on Release, represented at the Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend 9/6-8 in Sacramento.

Translation: Richard R- NR

YPAACC: Katherine: We met the second Friday of the month due to some scheduling conflicts for a majority of the committee members. We have discussed the possibility of finding a new location for committee meetings.

We will be moving forward with the membership survey of the area. A letter is being drafted by Jane for DCM's and GSR's with information about the survey. We will be working with local central offices

and the registrar to compile meeting lists. In addition, we will be working with the IT committee to incorporate a database for easy membership information entry on the area 8 website.

The committee will be participating in the Labor day picnic.

The committee decided to cooperate with NSDYPAA and host a General Service Workshop as part of their ACYPAA summit.

Business cards for the committee have been ordered at a cost of \$20.95.

We have secured the location for the annual beginners workshop on December 7th and are presently contacting potential panelists.

Volunteers for cleanup-Everyone is requested to stay to help clean up.

Closing: Responsibility Pledge and Serenity Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Panel 66 Area 8, Tanya T., Secretary, Renee R., Alt. Secretary.

Announcing Next Area Assembly Hosted by Districts 6, 11, 15 &19

Election Assembly September 28, 2019 Venue: Ronald Reagan Community Center 195 Douglas Ave El Cajon CA 92021